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Region's ghosts nothing to 'boo' at

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Staff Writer

During Halloween, many people thrive on the thrill of the scare. Haunted houses crop up all over the county, kids dress up as dead cheerleaders, zombies and Kate Gosselin: all very scary.

In addition, urban legends gain popularity as many people gather at parties or bonfires. For several years, much of this folklore is told at gatherings, but what many people may not know is a few of these urban legends stem from the NWI region. Much of this folklore is chronicled in several books, especially Mark Meriman's Haunted Indiana series.

Some of the most famous ghost tales from the region include the Ghost of Cline Avenue and the ghosts of Kaske House in Munster. Some people dismiss these stories as pure speculation,

whereas some individuals happen to believe.

Composition instructor Crystal Lynn Cox is one of these skeptics, saying that she does not believe in ghosts.

For those who may be skeptical of hauntings and ghost stories, English 104 instructor and graduate student Lora Mendenhall falls into the latter category and mentions that we should not be so arrogant as to think that we have all the answers to everything. Remember, at one time, people also thought the world was flat.

Kaske House, located on the corner of Ridge Road and Colombia Avenue, is one of the region's well-known haunted establishments and has even been featured on Ghost Whisperers, a program that is featured on the PBS affiliate WFYI. In the program, former Munster Historical Society president Cindy Watson mentions that

"the property's history dates back to 1837 when David Gibson purchased a license to run a tavern there."

In 1909, the Brass Tavern burned down on Halloween night; the family then built the house on the property. While living in the house, Helen Baker and her mother Wilhelmina Stalbohm-Kaske passed away, with Wilhelmina still haunting the residence today.

In "Haunted Indiana 3," author Mark Marimen also chronicled hauntings that have occurred at the Kaske residence. Meriman, who could not be reached at press time, mentioned that handymen who have worked on the property have heard piano music playing when no one was in the house, and they've also experienced seeing a woman looking out the

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Interested?

For more information about NWI ghost folklore and hauntings, visit Mark Meriman's website, hauntedindiana.com. For information on Indiana's known haunted premises, visit www.indianaparanormal.com/haunted. Additionally, "Ghost Whisperers" is available on Youtube.

Tours of Kaske House occur every first and third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For tour information, contact the Munster Historical Society at 219-836-6932.

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Gina Barone
News Editor

It's not a secret: Most PUC students do not check their PUC email.

According to the SGA, a survey was sent out last semester about NetMail usage, in which students overwhelmingly did not regularly—if at all—check their accounts. For the SGA, this was a concern, as something needed to be done to get students to use their PUC email.

Currently, PUC NetMail is hosted and maintained by the information services staff on campus. It would require a substantial amount of additional resources, both human and financial to modernize.

The SGA has found a solution to this problem with the introduction of the Student E-mail Modernization Act.

This would put an end to the current student NetMail by outsourcing the hosting and maintenance to Google.

It would potentially put an end to saving or archiving deleted email communication, documents, appointments or contacts, a practice which is a current issue with the NetMail. The SGA feels very strongly: this practice infringes on students'

rights to privacy.

"The Student Government is strongly opposed to the administration archiving student data, it is a gross infringement upon a student's right to privacy and will not be tolerated," said David Ober, SGA president.

The Act also puts a time limit for the administration to get moving on this issue, by having the new student Gmail available on or before August 24, 2010.

IPFW and IU have recently modernized their school email systems by upgrading to Gmail. These campuses, as well as the SGA, agree; Gmail offers tools and utilities that NetMail does not.

PUC is blazing the trail, since Purdue West Lafayette Student Government just now started this same initiative.

"The goal in passing this bill is to offer an email system that is familiar to students, extends storage for email messages, and provides applications that allow students to collaborate," said Ober.

In a student senate meeting on October 23, Kayla Weck, the Senate Speaker, stated that the new Gmail system is geared toward helping students get more

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Celebrating Diwali at PUC



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Students dance to a fusion mix of Indian music and American hip-hop during the opening presentations at Diwali held in Alumni Hall

Marissa O'Donley
Staff Writer

The Purdue Indian Students Association held Diwali this weekend, taking place in Alumni Hall. There was dancing, music, and food served at the celebration.

Diwali, also known as the festival of lights, is a five day festival celebrating the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

The story behind Diwali is of Rama and Sita. They were banished to live in a forest, where Sita was kidnapped by the demon king Ravana, and in turn rescued by

Rama and his brother. The battle lasted ten days, and they won with the help of a weapon bestowed by the gods. They returned home with lamps, or divas, in the homes of the kingdom's people, guiding the way.

Diwali is based off the phases of the moon. Typically it occurs during a new moon. Candles and lamps of various kinds are lit to ward off the darkness with each new day of celebration. This is also a time of religious worship, and a time when companies make

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New ‘Women in Business’ group hopes to take campus by storm

Marissa O’Donley
Staff Writer

Women in Business, a group dedicated to helping women develop a stronger role in the work force held its first meeting on October 9. This is PUC’s first organization about women in business.

“The inspiration for the organization came from many different areas,” said Frankie Smith, the group’s creator. “It was a combination of my past and current collegiate experiences, current work situation, and inspiring women that I have met over the years.”

A summer course in business writing gave Smith the inspiration to start the Women in Business group.

“We were required to write a proposal on something that we could do in reality,” said Smith. “I started thinking about my past experiences, and I spoke with some other people about their observations and experiences. Then I did some research, and found that Purdue Calumet did not have a Women in Business organization. From there, the organization was created.”

Membership for the Women in Business group is not just limited to business majors and any woman who plans to work after graduation can join.

“The overall purpose of the organization is to put its members at an advantage when it comes to

their careers,” said Smith. “We want to help women develop as successful leaders, individuals, and community members.”

Despite women having come a long way in the world with becoming more prevalent in the work force, the group feels inequality still goes on, especially when it comes to pay.

“There is still inequality in the workforce for women,” said Smith. “I look around in the classroom, and some of my female peers are just as capable if not more so than my male peers, but the numbers don’t lie. Currently, women account for only 16% of Fortune 500 company corporate officers and board members, and we are still making 75 cents for every dollar a man makes. That is inequality, and it has to stop.”

Not only will salary be discussed in the group, but other issues will come up as well, such as legal discrimination in the workplace, balancing career and personal life, teaching members how to personally manage their finances during and after school and also the benefits of receiving advanced degrees and certifications. Helping the women in the community is also high on Smith’s list of goals.

“I want to get the organization involved in community service, possibly having a toy drive or a food, clothing, and toiletries drive for battered women in shelters this Christmas,” said Smith.

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northeast bedroom window. In 2008, when Dan T. Hall and the Indiana Ghost Trackers visited, Wilhelmina made her presence known asking the ghost hunters to help her.

Besides Wilhelmina, there have also been documented cases of a little girl haunting Kaske House. Watson stated in “Ghost Whisperers” that when Helen Kaske was dying, her caretaker would hear footsteps on the stairs, then, would see a child who would tell her to wake up before skipping out of the room. There are also cases of Native American ghosts haunting Heritage Park and Kaske House, but these cases are unfounded.

Another region ghost tale revolves around the Ghost of Cline Avenue. There are varying versions of this tale, but two facts remain the same: The ghost is female, and she is wearing a white dress. One version tells the story of a young woman named La Llorona who haunts the Gary portion of Cline near Fifth Street. The story originated in Mexico City, but

many of the Spanish immigrants who moved to Gary claim that her ghost followed them.

The legend of La Llorona states that a Hispanic woman fell in love with a Spanish nobleman, but he refused to marry her because of the two children she had with another man. In the story, La Llorona didn’t want her children to grow up in poverty and that by marrying this nobleman, their futures would be secured. In anguish, she killed the children and told her lover, who then tossed her aside out of disgust and she drowned in muddy waters.

She now roams the streets crying for her children.

Another version of this story involves a woman looking for her children who died in a car accident in the 1930s. The woman was said to have gone completely insane, which is why after her death, she still wanders.

Although ghost hunters have tried to locate these ghosts, they have been unable to find them though numerous people have mentioned that they’ve been seen.

What’s Going On? A Look Around...

PUC’s Got Talent – Auditions

Student Activities is looking for talented singers, dancers, bands, musicians, jugglers, and other acts to perform at PUC’s Got Talent. The show will be held on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 6pm in Alumni Hall. To audition, call 989-2369. The top prize includes four hours in a professional recording studio (a \$240 value) and more! Sign up today!

“Faces of Suicide” talk is Nov. 5

An internationally recognized expert on self-injury treatment, Wendy Lader, will be the keynote speaker of a conference focusing on “Faces of Suicide: Suicide and Self-Injury,” Thursday, Nov. 5 at Purdue University Calumet.

Leadership & Influence

A forum will be hosted by the managing editor for the Post-Tribune, Diane Aden Hayes, as part of the Inspired Leaders Series. The event is on Oct. 29 in SUL 321 from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Pep Rally

The PUC pep rally will be held in Calumet Falls, SUL Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Student Activities.

Backpacks to Briefcases

“Federal careers: take the mystery out of resumes and job searches”, a workshop will take place Nov. 4 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in SUL 321. Sponsored by Career Services.

Homecoming Dance

Enjoy the PUC homecoming in the Calumet Conference Center on Nov. 7 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free. Sponsored by Student Activities.

Professionalism in the Workplace

A workshop hosted by Student Employment’s Get SET series on Nov. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

Part-Time Jobs Career Fair

Sponsored by Career Services, this career fair will be held at the Merrillville Academic Learning Center on Nov. 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Collect the Evidence: Application Documents

Graduate School Investigation helps students with résumés, results, and recommendations on Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in SUL 321. Sponsored by Career Services.

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11am, 2pm & 4pm; SUL TV Room

Friday, Oct. 30

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Call 989-2369 for details.

Friday, Oct. 30

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Children’s Costume Party; Free
6pm to 8pm, Calumet Falls, SUL

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The Chronicle would like to offer a correction for last week’s “Life in a Jar” article. We erroneously stated that the play happened on Friday and Saturday, when in fact it happened on Wednesday and Thursday. The Chronicle apologizes for this error.

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Hormones not the problem

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I remember growing up there were not many overweight children, and we all spent a lot of time outside running around, and doing all sorts of physical activities and keeping active. We had TV, but many of us did not have TVs in our rooms, and if we had video games they were often kept in the family room.

Those who point the finger at genetically modified foods, or, closely related, cattle injected with growth hormones for American obesity are ignoring common sense, as well as contradictory evidence from other parts of the world. The US is not the only country that eats food grown in this way, and in Europe this obesity "epidemic," as it's being called here stateside, does not often occur.

I'm going to make a non-scientific claim, just to clear the air: You and your children are fat because you eat too much and don't exercise.

Blaming hormones and not overeating coupled with laziness only helps to further misconceptions about methods of producing more food for the ever-growing population.

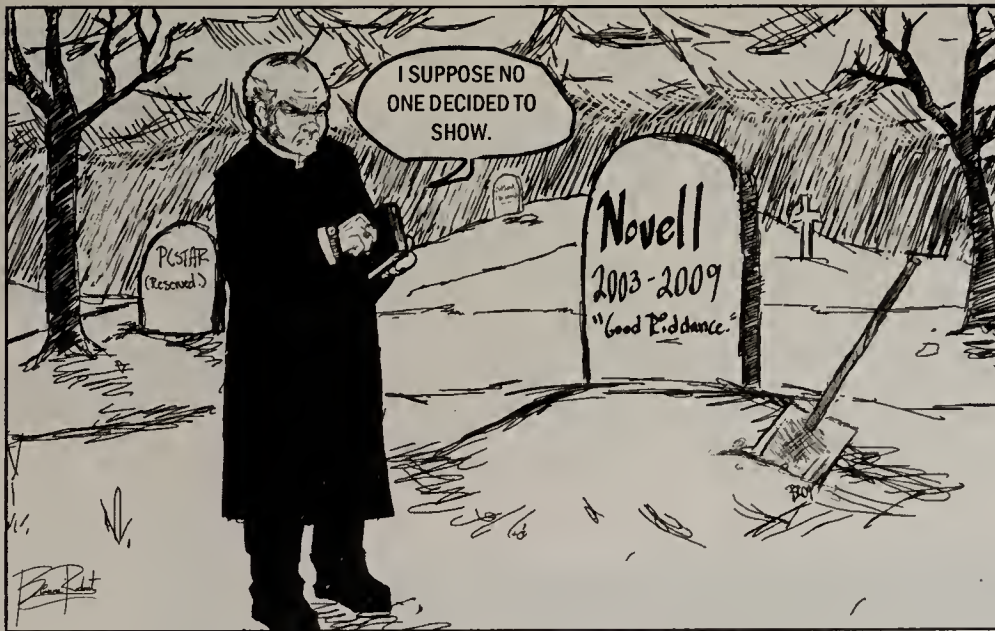
This all partially started when people noticed in the past 20 years that more preteen girls started developing and hitting puberty earlier, owing this to the hormones in the foods they ate, in turn jump-starting their puberty.

But, isn't the point of food to make you fatter, so you have energy, which is burned during exercise? So it's not really the hormones, it is the food in general. So, if hormones in other countries are not causing young girls to develop prematurely, and it is an observable fact in this country that children are not active in much more than watching television, how has this observation been overlooked?

Hormones have not been shown to cause any of these things and the FDA has stated there are no differences in meat and milk derived from cattle that do and don't involve the use of hormones. Therefore, the increased fat mass is a result of their bodies not burning off fat, and their metabolisms not doing much either, given their lack of physical activity.

People don't like to be responsible for their actions. It is just human nature, but when I was a kid I remember if you were fat, it was because you didn't exercise enough. Of course, now, we know that is not always the case, as there are people with a variety of disorders, but that could be seen as the same as the hordes of people today claiming they have insomnia, when it is often just their inability to quit surfing the internet or watching TV at a reasonable hour. In short, take responsibility for your actions.

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PUC: Get with the times!

The issue: PUC behind on technology

Our position: Fast technology demands faster response

Technology is a constantly evolving, fast-paced industry. The moment a computer or piece of software is purchased, it is obsolete.

While it is understandable that college institutions like PUC need time to process new information, and perhaps even more time to navigate the proper channels to yield results, the fact is technology waits for no one.

Purdue University is a Top 100 school, which makes the use of an antiquated system like Net-Mail seem almost as ridiculous as NASA using Windows Disk Operating System. Students at PUC pay a technology fee, but PUC doesn't seem to be keeping tabs on what is technologically advanced. Where does all the money from those fees go? For a school attempting to make a show of being cutting-edge, this is unacceptable.

Along with student email, PCStar, Blackboard and campus computers all have different logins and passwords. Each has a different layout, creating a very non-user-friendly system for students. This causes frustration and difficulty in communication. Students should not have to spend hours trying to figure out their plethora of usernames and passwords to access their classes and accounts.

A lot of the problem is the bureaucracy of budgeting. Many in the faculty do not feel that things need to be updated. PUC needs to work out a system in which they can keep themselves updated and informed of technological advances. If administrators were ahead of the technological curve, there would be more time to work through the system and generate

a response.

Progress has been made, if the incredible number of useless plasma screens that have popped up all over campus count. The Gyte labs might also count, or the new library initiative to loan out laptops, but as a general whole, PUC is far behind what many universities are, technologically. What does this translate to? Students with a much less efficient way to do what they need to do around campus. How can PUC compete, when students have to go to other universities' libraries to complete their studies?

PUC should keep on top of the ever-evolving technology, not only as a means of school pride, but also to help create a system that will best benefit its faculty and students, and utilize the money that we as a student body put into it.

Crazy is contagious

Ryan Riverside
Copy Editor



Crazy happens.

In Ohio, a woman walked into a Burlington Coat Factory, chauffeured in a stretch Hummer limousine. She announced to everyone in the store that she had just won the lottery, and was paying up to \$500 out of everyone's purchases.

Within an hour, thousands of people had descended upon the unsuspecting store. On top of the hundreds that swarmed the store, a line of nearly a thousand people stood waiting outside. The truth eventually came out: the woman had no money, and could not afford even a single order.

The people there grew outraged. Many took their armfuls or cartfuls of merchandise and ran out of the store anyway, stealing the clothes.

They did this because they felt a self-righteous need to steal from the store, because this woman had promised them free clothing. These people completely trashed the store and took what they wanted of its merchandise. Riot police had to be brought in to stop the chaos and theft.

Investigation later revealed the woman lied to the limousine rental company in order to get the Hummer. She was just crazy, nothing more.

The question this brings up is whether or not a woman offers to pay, then doesn't, people do not have the right to just take what they want to, out of anger and spite. This woman had no authority to offer what she did. No one in the store knew her, employees or customers. Once it was shown that she lied, why would it have been a surprise?

This event shows one of the most terrible faces of humanity. In a way, it is worse than those who take advantage of power outages and riots to steal and loot stores. Instead, in the presence of all the authorities, they grew angry and took what they wanted out of spite.

I hope every one of the people that stole from the store are caught, and they are dealt with harshly. Their behavior is unacceptable, and we cannot blame their behavior on the crazy woman. Her insanity should have troubled only her, and was no excuse for these people to steal once her claims had been disputed.

Let's all try not to be such horrible people as these.

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new bank accounts in hopes of being prosperous and lucky in the new lunar year.

The celebration involved many dances and songs, both traditional and modern. One was a fusion of two styles. This was, as described in the show, a combination of both western and eastern music.

Kinja Patel, a senior who danced in the presentation, said it was amazing how the performance went, and she had fun participating. The entire event was

planned in, at most, a month and a half.

The food served was catered from Taste of India. Gulab Jamun, a fried dumpling in saffron syrup, and Peas Pulav, rice with green peas, were both served along with several other dishes.

"It was scrumptious," said Francisco Madrigal, a sophomore computer networking major, about the food. He also enjoyed the dancing, saying it was "hella-unique."

Portrayed using various co-

loured sands on the floor near the entrance of Alumni Hall, India's national bird, the peacock, attended. The candle holders on the tables also portrayed the bird. Anupam Kalita, a sophomore and member of PISA, said the feathers used on the candle holders embodied the peacock, since a real one could not be present for the Diwali festival.

The event drew many people, and was a success to those that attended.



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Jagdeep Chahal, a senior in electrical engineering, dances on stage with friends after the dinner portion of Diwali.



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Hussien Alumar, a junior in electrical engineering, serves Indian cuisine to Ron Segert, during dinner. For more pictures, go to pucchronicle.com



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PUC students dance after dinner to a combination of American and Indian music.

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proactive in checking email, as well as saving students' money.

Other perks of the new system were discussed, such as the smooth integration into My PUC, calendar usage, along with more memory. Faculty, staff and students would benefit by the newly freed space, allowing for an

increase in inbox storage sizes.

After discussion, the Student Modernization Act of 2009 was passed by the student senate. Now the bill will be sent to a committee tasked with making a final decision. If accepted, the SGA hopes for swift action.

Women in Business

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For now, Smith just wants the group's membership to increase.

"The immediate goal is to increase membership," said Smith. "I say that because, if we get more people involved, then it shows that they have an interest in their future. I want each member to learn at least one thing that will benefit them in their future."

Smith not only feels that the Women in Business group adds value to PUC, but also to the women's workforce as well, which is still struggling to thrive up against men.

"For the women of this campus, I think that we all deserve an organization like this," said Smith. "The benefit that may concern many is that it will look

good on your resume. Moreover, I believe that with the contacts and advice that women will get from alumni and professionals in their field, they will benefit. Not to be pessimistic about anyone's future, but it is a benefit to know what you are up against, so that you can prepare and overcome."

Even with inequality going on and all of the active women's groups out there, Smith hopes that the Women in Business group helps women to further thrive in business.

"I am not trying to change the world, now, but if this organization can put its members on a level playing field then I have done what I initially set out to do," said Smith.

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Celebrate Halloween by 'Howlin' at the Moon'

Andrea Drac
Assistant News Editor

Stumped on what to do for Halloween? How about spending it at the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana?

Located on PUC's campus, the CLC is a space science education center. Ever since 1999, when its doors opened, children and adults alike have enjoyed learning about the Earth, moon and space through hands on science activity labs. More activities include viewing the planetarium, and most importantly doing e-missions and simulated missions into space and

onto the moon.
On Thursday, October 29, there will be a

simulated mission. For the second year in a row, the CLC will be hosting a public mission called 'Howlin' at the Moon.'

"The purpose of the 'Howlin' at the Moon' mission is to provide an opportunity for adults to come to our center to experience one of our simulated missions, just with a Halloween twist," said Amanda Maynard, executive director of the CLC. "This event is just one of the many events and programs that we offer to work toward our mission of fostering a long-term interest in science, tech-

nology, engineering and math (STEM) in the community."

A typical simulated mission at the CLC takes about two and a half hours. It is experienced in one of the two simulators which each have a mission control and a space craft area.

"During the simulated missions, participants become engineers and scientists as they work on teams to return to the moon," said Maynard. "In the simulators, they test their decision-making skills, solve problems and communicate by alternative means during the innovative space-themed science and math hands-on experience."

The 'Howlin' at the Moon' mission takes place on Thursday, October 29th. Check-in time is at 5:30 p.m. and the mission runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone from the ages of 14 and up is welcome to attend, and the cost for each person is \$30 with light refreshments served afterwards.

Reservations are required for this event. To reserve your spot at the mission, contact Jan Olesek at 219-989-3250 or at olesek@clcnwi.com

Cruisin' for credits

Carl Kurek
Chronicle Correspondent

Imagine going on a five-day cruise this spring on a luxurious ship large enough to accompany 3,000 people and sail around Miami, Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay and the Bahamas. Although this sounds like an expensive dream vacation, it's actually a three credit hour course offered to any PUC student over 21 years of age through the Hospitality and Tourism Management Department.

The course, HTM 385, has been offered every spring semester since 2000 and the cruise is scheduled in May so as to not interfere with graduation or summer school. "It's perfect for anyone because you meet on Saturdays in the spring semester and it doesn't take up a lot of your time, plus you get three credits," said Ashton Janis, an HTM major.

The course is an elective and has experiential designation, so although it is intended for students with an HTM major, it is actually available to students with any major.

"Since my major is HTM, this was really enjoyable because it made me realize that a job on a ship would be so much fun. You can travel and meet people from all over the world, and it is a good way to network," said Janis.

Professor GERALYN A. FARLEY is program coordinator of the HTM Department and regularly accompanies the class.

"Because the cruise has great career opportunities for all majors, it attracts students from many majors. And of course, what a great classroom," said Farley.

She said that about 75 percent of the students are hospitality students and the rest are other majors. Farley usually takes 20 to 30 students; the first to register and pay their deposit have priority and then if possible, they will try to include more students.

In the actual classroom part of this course, which starts at the regular spring semester date, students will learn about the history, marketing and future of the cruise line industry.

"This is just a fun class that actually puts you in a different place and helps you learn new things and ways of thinking," said Janis.

The cruise is booked through Merrillville Travel, a travel agency

specializing in cruises. "[Travel agents] know the ins and outs to ensure an enjoyable trip for their client," Farley said.

Farley said that students are very involved on the trip. Once on board, they get to meet and interview other guests and also get a behind the scenes tour allowing them to interact with the staff, all while being a guest on the cruise. Farley said that it's not uncommon for travel agents in the hospitality field to take what they refer to as "fam trips" with cruise lines. Basically, a "fam trip" allows someone going into the field a chance to see everything from the guest's point of view, helping them later in their line of work.

"You learn many different aspects of what kind of work is offered on a cruise ship," said Janis. "You also meet with a lot of the employees, who are probably the nicest people you will ever meet, to get insight to what their jobs are all about."

The students can also visit the ports at which the cruise stops, letting them experience some of their cultures as well as offering more fun for the students.

"We went to Belize and went zip-lining through the jungle, which was so exciting," said Janis.

There is much for students to do in their leisure time on board as well.

"There are nightly shows, dancing until dawn, all the food you can eat and numerous board games and activities for students to participate," said Farley.

Both Farley and Janis agreed that the friendship that is created on board is what truly makes this class special.

"We had two students who met on the cruise two years ago sail with us again last year and get engaged," said Farley. "I'm hoping they will continue to join us. Perhaps even a wedding next time."

She guarantees that this class will be the most memorable class students will ever take. She also said it is the only class students won't mind repeating either.

To take the course, students must pay a deposit of \$200 by Nov. 20, 2009, and the remaining balance is due Mar. 5, 2010. More information can be found on the department of hospitality and tourism management's page of the PUC website.

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Tricks and treats

William Koester

Chronicle Correspondent

Time-tested Halloween traditions such as trick-or-treating and toilet papering houses may be great fun for kids. Most people, however, tend to outgrow these activities by their teenage years.

It is at this stage of their lives that they begin to carry on a different tradition: the Halloween party. Some elaborate Halloween parties may seem to require a lot of work, but anyone can easily put together a fun gathering for the scariest night of the year.

When someone mentions Halloween, one of the first things that comes to mind is dressing up in costumes. Many gatherings held on October 31 tend to be costume parties. Anyone who throws a costume party should choose a theme.

Some may contend that a theme doesn't really matter, but having one ensures that there will be more people attending in costume. If the guests are told that it is just a Halloween party, several may just throw on an old hockey mask to wear as a costume. Having an overreaching theme forces guests to think more about how to dress up, and will likely lead to more people dressed up in cool outfits.

Ideas for food to serve include seasonal favorites such as caramelized apples, any type of candy, and the many baked goods made from pumpkin, such as cookies, bread, or donuts. But for anyone looking to serve something more substantial than just sweets, no one will turn down pizza, which itself can be made to look Halloween-related with gummy worms, fakes eyes, or other things. To drink, nothing says fall like cider, which can be served with or without alcohol depending on the age of partygoers.

Alcoholic/Non-Alcoholic Halloween Drinks

Brain Hemorrhage

1 oz. Peach Schnapps
1 tsp. Bailey's Irish Cream
2 drops Grenadine

Directions:

Pour the Peach Schnapps into a large shot glass. Slowly add the Bailey's and top with the grenadine.

Creepy Crawler Punch

4 cups of White Rum
4 cups of Blue Hawaiian Maui Schnapps
1 gallon of Orange Juice

Directions:

Combine ingredients in a large punch bowl with a block of ice in the center. Dry Ice is also good to use for effect.

Swamp Water Punch

1 can Ecto cooler
1 quart orange juice with pulp
1 large bottle ginger ale
Ice

Optional: ice made with things in it like gummy worms

Directions:

Chill all ingredients before making. Mix the Ecto cooler and orange juice together in a punch bowl. Add ginger ale and ice just before serving.

Sources: Drinkoftheweek.com & Parentingteens.com

To keep guests entertained, one option is to just hang out and watch television. This allows guests to converse while enjoying a movie or show. In the horror genre, the "Halloween" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street" series are classics, as are more light-hearted fare like "Young Frankenstein" and the various "Simpsons: Treehouse of Horror" specials.

Another way to entertain company is to have party games. Traditional games like charades and Pictionary always seem to bring a party to life, and watching friends butcher songs on karaoke machines is always entertaining. Most Halloween-related games such as bobbing for apples are more for kids, but there is one cool game that the truly ambitious host can pull off.

With enough preparation, any host can turn a typical Halloween party into a "whodunit" murder mystery. It's really easy.

First, randomly assign a person to be a "killer." Even better, plan with a few guests beforehand on who will be the killer and a series of events where that person "kills" other guests.

As the party goes on, the "killer" goes around eliminating guests one by one while still blending into the party life. All the while, the surviving guests try to figure out who the killer is before they are eliminated themselves. This game may take some planning to work, but it's sure to be a lot of fun.

Halloween tends to be commercialized with extravagant haunted houses and decorations that set people back hundreds of dollars. A Halloween party need not be so big and expensive, though. Just making what is essentially a children's holiday still seem like fun for those who have grown up is all that is needed.

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Even more unique Halloween costumes

Compiled by
LeAnne Munoz
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Time Flies – Wear regular clothing and a pair of angel wings. Tie a clock around your neck as a necklace.

Killing Time – Wear comfortable clothing of one color. Attach broken clocks and watches to the outfit. Spray some fake blood onto the outfit and carry a knife.

Jack-In-The-Box – Wear all black. Cut a hole into a box large enough to step through and attach it to the outfit with suspenders. Wear a nametag that says JACK.

Under the Weather – Wear a floppy hat and attach cut-outs of lightning bolts, suns and use cotton balls for clouds.

Con Artist – Wear an old-fashioned prison uniform that has black and white stripes. Wear a beret and carry around a small canvas and a paintbrush.

Chain Smoker – Wrap plastic or Styrofoam chains around your outfit and have a fake cigarette sticking out of your mouth or shirt.

Taco Belle – Wear a southern belle outfit – hoop skirt, flowery pattern. Wear a sombrero on your head.

Chocolate Mousse – Make a pair of moose antlers out of pipe cleaners and stencil a Hershey's Bar onto your clothes.

Blind Date – Dress in regular clothing. Use a black trash bag and some loose stuffing to make yourself into a giant date (kind of like a big raisin). Add sunglasses and a cane.

Maid of Money – Wear a maid costume and attach fake dollar bills all over yourself.

West Nile Virus – Wear a Cleopatra or Egyptian costume. Use makeup to create rashes and sores all over your skin.

Buccaneer – Dress in regular clothing. Attach a dollar bill (buck) to each ear.

Trophy Wife – Wear a cute outfit (50s dress, high-heels) a huge fake diamond ring, and carry a trophy

Boo-Boo – Dress in a ghost costume and stick band-aids all over yourself.

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Top ten must-see Halloween films: SCARY STAPLES

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

Halloween (1978) – A psychotic killer terrorizes a seemingly random group of babysitters on Halloween night. This film is the epitome of a horror movie staple. It immortalized Jamie Lee Curtis as a scream-queen, gave fame to then-unknown director John Carpenter, and solidified the creepy, silent type in the horror movie genre.

A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) – A badly burned child murderer haunts the dreams of children whose families killed him. This film gave humor to the horror movie genre, and added fantastically gruesome killings to the list of ways to die.

Friday the 13th (1980) – Counselors at a camp buried deep in the woods are murdered by an unknown killer out for revenge. This original film in a series of never-ending sequels may surprise some who have never watched it. Everything you think you know about this movie may just be flipped on its ear...unless of course you have seen "Scream." Way to ruin it.

The Evil Dead (1981) – A group of friends spend a weekend in a secluded cabin in the woods, where they discover an evil book that releases a demonic force. This film just goes to show that spending a weekend in a cabin in the woods with friends is always a bad idea. Viewers are never sure if this film is taking itself seriously or not, which is half the fun of watching it. Also, Bruce Campbell always helps.

Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974) – Five friends on their way to visit family are chased down by a mask-wearing, chainsaw-wielding psychopath that wants them to join him for dinner with his deranged family. When this film was released, this "true story" horrified and disturbed many a movie-goer. Even with all of the blood and guts movies today, this film is still sure to shock.

Hellraiser (1987) – A mysterious antique puzzle box, when solved, unleashes a path to a sado-masochistic version of Hell. This film is as weird as it is interesting. Director Clive Barker is known for his unusual and disturbing twists, and this film is no exception.

The Howling (1981) – After helping the police track down a serial killer, a news anchor enters into a psychiatric ward where the patients are not what they seem. This film was visually stunning for its time, and is still considered as such by many moviegoers today. The randomly inserted humor also makes this film a classic.

The Amityville Horror (1978) – A family moves into a quaint Long Island home where gruesome murders took place and begin to experience dark happenings that drive them away. Even if the "true story" this film is based on seems far-fetched, the slow downward spiral of a once happy family is truly chilling.

Prom Night (1980) – A group of girls are stalked on their prom night by a killer who knows a secret that they have been hiding for over six years. This 80s horror film is another Jamie Lee Curtis classic that contains creepy music and a surprising appearance by Leslie Nielsen.

Alien (1979) – A mining ship sets out on a strange planet to investigate a call for help, but manages to pick up a few unwanted visitors along the way. While the title suggests more of a

sci-fi genre feel, the isolation and the fear of facing a terrible fate and not being able to do anything about it puts this film into the horror movie category.

Honorable mentions:

Scream (1996) – A psychotic serial killer is taking note from the horror movies of past and begins killing teenagers in a small town. Like it or not, this film changed the way many look at modern-day horror movies, injecting horror humor into a plot that many probably wish they had written

themselves.

Saw (2004) – Two men awake in a room, chained to pipes, with a dead man lying in the middle of the room. While the two men try to escape from a puzzle that may lead to their deaths, the police struggle to find a murderer who goes by the name of "Jigsaw." This is the best film in the "Saw" franchise because it shows that gratuitous amounts of carnage are not needed to make a scary film; a good plot and chilling details work just fine.

'Paranormal' lives up to the hype

Cody Cummins
Staff Writer

Every once in a while, a movie attempts to set itself apart from its genre. Some of the movies that attempt to do this succeed, while others fail horribly. One such movie that attempts to do this is the recently-released, low-budget horror film entitled "Paranormal Activity." This movie most definitely succeeds at setting itself apart from most other horror movies. "Paranormal Activity" is filmed entirely from a hand camera carried by the movie's lead male role, Micah. It is filmed in very much the same format as the 1999 movie, "The Blair Witch Project."

The movie begins with the main male lead of the film, Micah (Micah Sloat), testing out his new camera. He bought the camera in the hope that he and his girlfriend, Katie (Katie Featherston), would be able to catch on video some of the strange occurrences that have been happening in his house.

At first Katie claims that she has been receiving visits

from a strange entity since the age of eight. Micah however is initially skeptical and jokes about it. However, as things start to get progressively worse and worse, Micah begins to believe more in Katie's stories of being visited by a supernatural entity.

"Paranormal Activity" starts off very slow. It feels like, in the beginning, the writer just threw things in the movie to keep stringing along the audience. One such event is when we are shown Micah practicing his guitar only to hear Katie yell hysterically from off screen. Micah then runs to her aid to see what the problem is, only to be seen running back a second later to pick up the camera he forgot in his initial rush of panic.

As soon as Micah gets to the bathroom, it is revealed that the cause of the commotion was a spider in their bathroom.

Although it is easy to figure out why the writer put that scene in there, it still feels as if it was just a bit of an add-on to keep the tension building in the film, and in this particular case,

it was annoying, rather than suspenseful.

One thing that must be complimented in the film, though, is how the film amps itself up from being mundane to downright freaky. Although a bit slow at first, the film exponentially ramps up until eventually what happens on the screen is shocking, and not mundane or boring in the slightest.

One final critique for the film is the character of the psychic who Micah and Katie call to help them with their haunting problem: The psychic has to be the worst character in the whole movie. At first, he attempts to help Micah and Katie with their haunting problem, but eventually ditches them and leaves them to fend for themselves in the most asinine of ways.

Although this movie does have its flaws, it definitely keeps the audience on the edge of their seats by being surprising. This movie is recommended to anyone who wants a good scare, as well as an experience that is away from the normal, gory horror movie.

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

Candy is dandy when it comes to Halloween, but overloading on an assortment of goodies and sweets can lead to regret on Nov. 1. According to lowcarbdiets.com, here is a list of common Halloween treats and their calorie count, which will help keep things in perspective come All Hollow's Eve.

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups (Snack size, 17g) – 88 Calories, 10g carbs.

Almond Joy (Snack size, 15g) – 80 Calories, 10g carbs.

Mounds (Snack size, 17g) – 83 Calories, 9g carbs.

Snickers (Fun size, 17g) – 80 Calories, 10g carbs.

Twix (Snack size, 10g) – 50 Calories, 7g carbs.

Tootsie Pop Sucker – 60 Calories, 15g carbs.

Tootsie Roll – 25 Calories, 6g carbs.

Kit-Kat (Snack size, 14g) – 73 Calories, 9g carbs.

Smarties Candy – 25 Calories, 6g carbs.

In order to be health-and-calorie-conscious about what to give out to trick-or-treaters, try these healthier alternatives.

Don't worry; you don't have to become the neighbor who gave apples and everyone always complained about. To save yourself from mean looks and a possible clean-up of shaving cream and toilet paper, follow these ideas:

• **Sugar-Free gum:** Kids love gum, even if it is sugar-free.

• **Packages of instant cocoa:** Kids can enjoy these when they get home from a cold night of trick-or-treating.

• **Dark chocolate:** Let's face it, kids wouldn't mind a little bit of candy tossed their way on a night meant for collecting all the treats possible. Dark chocolate is the best choice because it is loaded with antioxidants that help to keep blood pressure down, and it's also pretty yummy.

Non-food items are also a good way to keep the kids happy without overloading them with chocolate treats.

• **Halloween coloring books:** These can be purchased at a

dollar store and are always fun to give away.

• **Halloween stickers or spider rings:** These are another fun item to give out to the little monsters that come ringing at your door.

Remember that Halloween is supposed to be about having fun, so it's alright to live a little and enjoy a few pieces of candy here and there. Just remember that everything is better in moderation, so try to keep the munchies to a minimum. Happy Halloween!

Health & Fitness corner



Tough lessons to learn



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Kedric Williams goes through halfcourt drills before Friday's scrimmage against Joliet Junior College.

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The Peregrines hit a bump in the road as they prepare for the upcoming basketball season that starts on November 7th.

Coach Dan Voudrie mentioned that the men's basketball team learned some important lessons in the loss. He added that the team's weaknesses were pointed out in the scrimmage much more than last week's scrimmage.

"This scrimmage was extremely beneficial and outstanding to reveal to us a lot of things we saw last week that maybe didn't get exposed," Voudrie said.

The Peregrines chased their opponent up and down the court,

trying keep pace with their more up-tempo style of play.

"When your legs go, your head and your heart are quick to follow," Voudrie said. "The rebounding, the free throw shooting and the inefficiency of our offensive shooting are greatly attributed to the fatigue."

The scrimmage was divided up into two different parts. First, both teams spent 40 minutes working on offensive and defensive half court sets. The second part was a regular 40 minute game separated into two halves.

Senior Antonio McNeal, a business management major, said the team did well in the part of the scrimmage that was devoted to the running of offensive and de-

fensive sets.

"After that we got into the full court thing, we were gassed. We had played so much, we were tired," McNeal said.

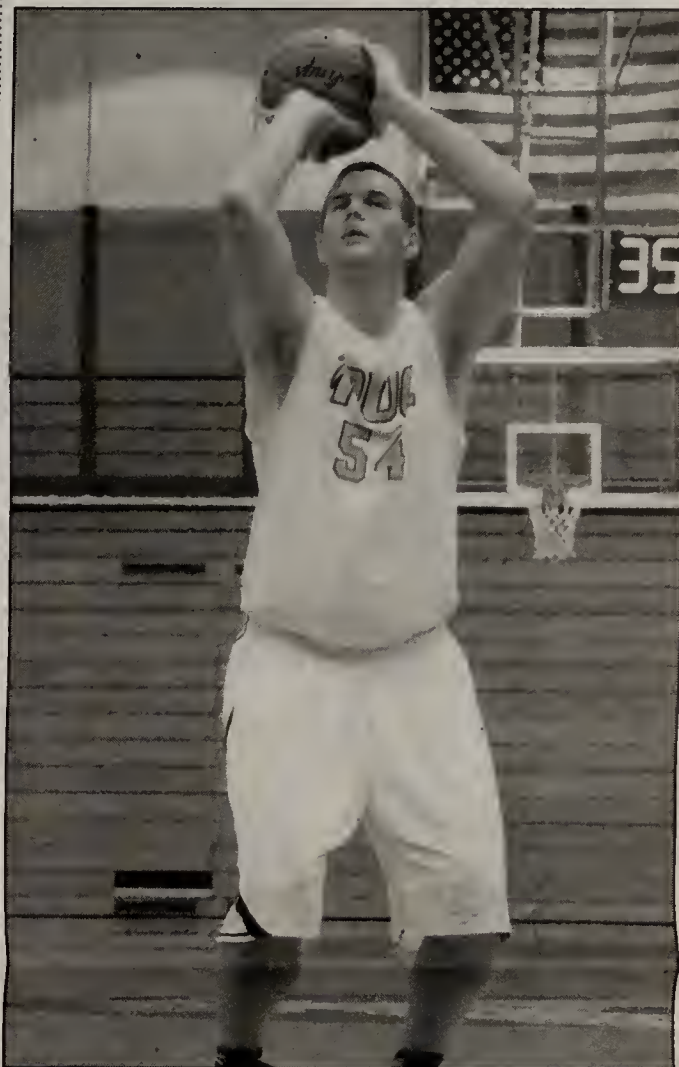
McNeal said it didn't have anything to do with the effort on the court.

"Overall we needed this, we are a good team. If we would have played that team in the regular season it wouldn't have happened like this," McNeal said.

Getting back on defense was the Peregrines' big problem, said Neal Hudson, a junior majoring in accounting.

"They were running, getting wide open layups ... anybody can make a wide open layup," said Hudson.

BIG MAN AT PRACTICE



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Eric Summers shoots a free throw during Friday's scrimmage against Joliet Junior College.

Zach Heridia
Staff Writer

The Peregrines hit a bump Eric Summers is practicing and displaying his athletic ability.

The freshman center was unavailable to the team until the Oct. 16 scrimmage. He is well-versed in the ways of the team and has spent every practice on the sidelines watching and waiting for his opportunity. Although he hasn't practiced, he has been learning and becoming acquainted with the team.

"Yeah, I know all the plays. I did pay attention while I was out. I learned everything I could, every day," Summers said. "Coach made sure I was getting it and understanding without being on the court doing it. It's easier if you're on the court but I still got a good look."

Coach Dan Voudrie said that although Summers has only practiced for a week he still has a strong grasp and his athleticism allows him to excel even with limited time.

"[On Wednesday], he made a basketball pass. A big play," Voudrie said. "He got a rebound and the player was way ahead. It was like [Joe] Montana to Jerry Rice. Beautiful, that's what you get with a baseball player on your team. He can make that pass. You can't teach the skills he has."

Summers' passing ability comes from a background in baseball and seasons of hard work.

"I led the area last season in assists," Summers said. "I think it's a plus. I just see the open guy and know I can get the ball to him. You have to have good vision to make passes like that."

Summers agrees that his athleticism has helped. According to Summers, the most important factor might be his size. At six feet eight inches, he is the tallest person on the team and the only player over 6 and a half feet.

"Yeah. It's a definite factor. I think it's a plus. I just have a slight advantage. It's good to have that on a team. The guys aren't small, but smaller than me, help me improve and work hard. I won't always have an advantage."

Voudrie said that it doesn't matter how Summers uses his abilities as long as he utilizes them.

"Everyone has to go full speed. It's a lack of concern how fast or slow any one player is. What matters is that everyone is working hard and running the court hard. It's a bonus to have guys at different speeds. Eric will be able to let guys get out in front because of it."

So if you walk past the basketball courts in the fitness center, that player with the rocket arm and height is Eric Summers.

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Get Ready To Catch The Wave

Say goodbye to email and instant messaging as you know it. Google, the creator of the world's favorite search engine, has created an application that could possibly revolutionize the way people connect with one another on the Internet. On May 28th, Google unveiled Google Wave to a room of 3,000 or so developers. If accepted, Google Wave will replace the now 40 year old email system that most are familiar with. Gone will be the days of sending, waiting, reading, and then replying. Imagine instead, a real time conversation where the other person or people can see what you are typing as you type it. Thus, allowing them to immediately respond to what you are typing, speeding up the communication process immensely. The applications for this type of technology are limitless. This could very well change the way we use social networking websites like Myspace and Facebook.

In Google's presentation of Wave, they made sure to reiterate that this technology was still in its infancy and needed a lot of work. They were still able to wow the crowd with many features of the technology that are already available. They were able to upload photos into their "thread", or email message, and while the images were loading on the senders page the images were downloading onto the receivers page simultaneously! Google also eluded to the fact that with this technology you would be able to drag and drop photos into web applications instead of uploading them. That means if you wanted your photos on Myspace, all you would have to do is drag them from the folder on your computer and drop them right into your photo album. The presenters were able to add their blog page as a recipient to their discussion. This allowed them to instantaneously change the messages on their blog without having to login. The demonstration also showed that if someone came into the dialog after it began they would be able to see the "thread" in its entirety by using Wave's playback function which allows a person to review what has already been written.

If Google wave is accepted it will undoubtedly change the way people email and instant message, even the way they use the Internet. Google wave is set for release later this year, perhaps during the 4th quarter. Hopefully, it will be all that it's been hyped to be but with technology you never know. For more information on Google Wave please visit: <http://code.google.com/apis/wave/>

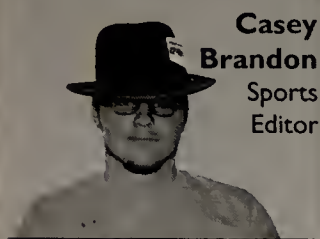


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What's your excuse?



Casey
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Sports
Editor

Who is excited about the new sports being created? We've got coaches now for these sports. Next year we'll have players, so...who is excited?

If you are not, you are wrong... are you not?

They are being created for you. The school has stated in their latest version of the strategic plan 'creating a vibrant campus community is a goal.' The furthering of athletics is part of that goal. So who's excited?

Who among you is going to fill the stands during the basketball season? Who in the student body is going to embrace these new teams next year, and cheer them on?

This school is lacking spirit. That is to say, the student body is lacking in spirit. But why?

You can point to the fact that this school is a commuter campus and historically has had no place for students to live. Thus, no one was on campus to attend these events. This is not the case anymore.

The University has dormitories now. Maybe they are not all filled, but there are a large number of students on campus. The dorms can hold roughly 800 students. A good portion of those students probably don't like basketball, but a good portion probably does.

The big question is: are you all going to embrace a vibrant campus life? Here's the joke - you are the ones who create the vibrant campus life. The university is just here to facilitate it. There is no campus life without the student body, which brings up the original point: Who's excited?

The athletic department is taking the steps to bring more sports to the university. Who here will watch them?

The ingredients are on campus to make it somewhat vibrant. The students are the ones who have to make it happen.

You're not wrong if you can't seem to find excitement in the upcoming basketball season, or the prospect of four new sports at the university next year. You're not wrong if you have a full-time job or have a family at home and can't seem to find the time to have school spirit.

But how many of you fall into this category? How many of you actually have a real excuse?

PUC is trying to make this a better campus; the student body though, is just full of excuses.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Casey at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Calianz 'hammers' M.H.



Chronicle photo by Jose Cortes Jr.

Darren Gabriel of the Meat Hammers, a freshman business major, throws a pass during Wednesday's flag football game. Read the full story on page 11.

Intramural Hockey League Standings - Week 2

Hockey League						
Team	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Team America	2	0		2	9	2
PUC Blackhawks	2	0		2	1	0
The Scissor Me Timbers	1	1		0	2	9
PC Stars	0	2		0	0	1

Intramural Volleyball League Standings - Week 5

North			West		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Spiked Punch	5	0	New Flave	4	0
High Class	4	1	Kung Fu Panda	3	2
Killa Aces	2	3	Expansion Team	3	1
Spikers	1	4	Not A Quick Glance	1	4
Jive Turkeys	2	3	Team Extreme	2	3
TBA	1	4	Powerder & Lead	1	4
East			South		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Angels of Glory	5	0	In the Net	5	0
Side Out	4	1	PUC Snlprs	3	2
W.O.W.	3	2	Bump, set, SPIke	2	3
Eurocream	1	3	TB	3	2
Will Name Later	1	3	Kiss our Pass	2	3
Dig This	0	5	Serve-ivors	0	5

Intramural Flag Football League Standings - Week 4

N.F.F.C. (North)			A.F.F.C. (West)		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Highland	4	0	4th N I	3	1
Farve Dollar Footlong	2	2	Rams	4	0
Ochocinco	2	2	Ray Finkle All-Stars	3	1
Meat Hammers	0	4	Manchester Divided	1	3
Avengers	1	3	Vanity Rushaz	0	4
N.F.F.C. (East)			A.F.F.C. (South)		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Hall of Famers	4	0	Fantastik 4	3	1
Ram Rod	3	1	PUC Bears	3	1
Purdue Calianz	2	2	Shake N Bake	3	1
American Dream	1	3	Scrubs	0	4
Team Names	0	4	Dynasty	0	4

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Written by Steve Hofstetter,
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Murphy and Chris Strait

Donald Fehr is expected to get a compensation package worth over \$11 million. Fehr plans on using it to buy two Yankee tickets.

The Chicago Bears signed Jay Cutler to a two-year extension. Or 100 fourth-quarter interceptions, whichever comes first.

The Chicago Cubs signed Rudy Jaramillo to be their new hitting coach. Jaramillo took the job because he likes a challenge, and felt world peace was just too easy.

The Pittsburgh Penguins won 8 of their first 9 games. In related news, we think the hockey season may have started.

The NBA and its locked-out referees are close to an agreement. Both sides agree that the Knicks are awful.

The Philadelphia Phillies are going back to the World Series. The New York Mets are also repeating, making reservations at the same golf resort.

The Cleveland Browns are battling a bad bout of flu. Whereas Cleveland Browns fans are battling a bad bout of depression. Meanwhile, the Tennessee Titans are not battling the flu. They just suck.

The SEC has suspended one of its football officiating crews. They were immediately hired by Major League Baseball.

A man fell from the press box before the Broncos/Chargers game Monday night. Luckily, the man was not hurt when the Chargers collapsed beneath him.

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy says his injured thumb is okay. Hopefully, because after the Rams draft him, he'll need it to hitch hike out of St. Louis.

Police have put Steve McNair's death back in the news by releasing his final text messages. Because the Titans' 0-6 start wasn't quite bad enough.

The mayor of Rio said the city has a long way to go to make the city safe for the Olympics. In other words, it's like Chicago, but with the Olympics.

Stubhub sent fans emails encouraging them to "be alongside your Washington Nationals" during the post-season. Sure they're watching from the stands, too.

New York Yankee fans are so enamored with Alex Rodriguez post-season heroics, they're almost considering not booing him.

And, foul-mouthed Ozzie Guillen will be an analyst on Fox during the World Series. Guillen is already looking forward to mispronouncing, "Fox."

Lady Peregrines flying high

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The Lady Peregrines easily won their second scrimmage of the preseason. The regular season starts Nov. 5.

This preseason tune-up showed the improvement of the Lady Peregrines in some aspects, while also underscoring the need to work on others.

Coach Tom Megyesi said the defensive rebounding effort improved from the last scrimmage, but the team's focus for a full forty minutes needed to be improved.

"We need to play more focused and intense," Megyesi said. "At times it looked like we were running in quicksand."

Megyesi said the Lady Peregrines were trying to approach the scrimmages like a regular game.

Senior Sara Keilman, a business management and communication major, said the team needed to improve on offence.

"There were times when we were forcing shots and not doing the play all the way through," said Keilman.

Freshman Alex Starr, said the defense still needed some work.

"We're letting them get too many offensive rebounds, we just need to box out and go after it more," Starr said.

Starr also said the Lady Peregrines can relax once they get ahead.

"We can't let the score bother us, and just keep playing hard," Starr said.

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Another win for Spiked Punch

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“What can I say, 5-0 feels good,” said Mark Trznadelo of Spiked Punch, when Spiked Punch defeated Spikers in two sets, taking the first match of the night.

The first set of the intramural volleyball match started out even with both teams matching points. The Spikers were catching all the breaks, which enabled them to take a 9-8 lead.

The lead did not last long, as Spiked Punch began to work more cohesively as a team. After tying the game, Spiked Punch then went on a 6-0 run. In control, Spiked Punch never looked back and finished the set with a 21-15 victory.

Both teams were locked at two in the second set, when Spiked Punch’s superior play enabled them to pour on the points. Spiked Punch won the second set easily, with a final score of 21-9.

Spiked Punch is one of four undefeated teams left in the league. Three of the teams are 5-0, while the fourth is 4-0 due to a cancellation.

In the second match, High Class defeated Killa Aces in a marathon second set.

“The team was upset from last week’s match. We got up for this one,” said Fuad Alhossain of High Class, a junior majoring in electrical engineering.

Both teams stayed even early in the first set, until High Class was able to open a small lead 5-3. They then capitalized on Killa Aces mistakes to increase the lead. The Killa Aces were not playing effectively as a team, which allowed High Class to score points in bunches. High Class dominated the first set with a score of 21-12.

Killa Aces came out to play in the second set, maintaining the lead early. High Class then is able to tie the score at 6. Then High Class starts to distance itself, at one point advancing to a 15-11

lead.

The Killa Aces never let its opponent get too big of a lead, though, and eventually caught up to High Class at 16 points apiece. From there, both teams looked as if they could take the set. High Class finally came away with the victory; final score: 25-24. Teams have to win by two points unless a score of 25 is reached.

“I saw a couple of errors the referees weren’t calling. The match could have gone better if the referees were calling it better,” said Demetri Daily of Killa Aces, a freshmen majoring psychology.



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Fuad Alhossain of High Class, a junior electrical engineering major, attempts to block a spike.

Mercy rule for Meat Hammers

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The Meat Hammers and Purdue Calianz met last Wednesday in an intramural flag football game where they demonstrated what has become a fairly common occurrence in the league: the employment of the mercy rule.

The mercy rule states that if one team scores 49 unanswered points, the game is over. Last week, the Meat Hammers were the ones shown this mercy.

“We have a lot of heart. We’re just not really that athletic,” said Aaron Dormio, a sophomore broadcasting major who is also the Meat Hammers’ quarterback.

On the first play of the game, Purdue Calianz took the lead with a long touchdown pass.

The Meat Hammers were then able to complete one pass before turning the ball over to Purdue Calianz, whose quarterback ran it in for another touchdown.

“We’re all still unfamiliar with our team, and we don’t have an offense going,” said Dormio.

The Meat Hammers then got a first down and turned the ball over again, which resulted in another Purdue Calianz touchdown.

After a few more plays and three more touchdowns by Purdue Calianz, it was halftime.

The Meat Hammers have been competing with only four players, which made it difficult to get an offense rolling.

“We try to practice,” said Dormio. “But we only have four guys, and we are playing both ways.”

Purdue Calianz scored one more time at the beginning of the second half, and the game ended with 8:18 still on the clock.

The Meat Hammers are not the only players that have been spared by the mercy rule.

“We’ve had some blowouts,” said Matt Dudzik, the Recreational Sports and Camps Director at PUC. “Games rarely go to the end.”

Although the mercy rule has been used fairly often, according to Dudzik, the league competition is better than it has been in the past.

“Unlike past years, there isn’t one real dominant team, which is nice,” said Dudzik. “I’d say there are at least three or four teams that could compete for the championship.”

Not every team even makes the playoffs in flag football but, because the talent is spread throughout the league this year, nearly everyone still has a chance.

“It’s still early,” said Dudzik. “It’s still wide open.”

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PUC takes next step

Coaches hired for four full new sports on campus

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"This is a really good day for Purdue University Calumet," said Chancellor Howard Cohen in his opening remarks of the press conference, announcing four newly hired coaches. PUC will be adding four sports to its current two, men's and women's basketball, for the 2010-11 school year.

"It will now permit Purdue Calumet to recruit really good student-athletes from North West Indiana," Cohen said. "We have not been competitive for many of those students because they want to continue their athletic activities after they graduate from high school."

PUC Athletic Director Bob Bunnell expressed similar enthusiasm as he introduced the coaches—Donn Gobbie for men's tennis, Tim Maluga for women's tennis, Matt Meneghetti for men's golf and Natalie Shadowmen for women's volleyball.

"I was really blown away with the talent that was available to us in terms of coaches," Bunnell said. "I'm truly thrilled that we were able to attract four people with tremendous credentials and tremendous reputation."

Bunnell went on to explain the growth plan PUC's athletics hopes to do over the next 8-10 years. PUC will try to bring the total number of sports sponsored by the school to 12. After the four new sports created for 2010-11 school year, PUC will try to add two new sports each year.

In 2011-12 men's and women's cross country will be added, 2012-13 will see men's soccer and women's soccer, 2013-14 men's baseball and women's softball.

The creation of the new sports has two intended purposes: first, allow PUC to attract and compete for student-athletes in the region and second, once the total number of sports is twelve, allow PUC to become eligible for NCAA Division III membership.

Both Shadowmen and Maluga have ties to PUC. Shadowmen is a graduate and played basketball for the university, while Maluga teaches courses at the University.

Shadowmen was happy to realize all her dreams by becoming a coach at the college level.

"In sixth grade I wrote a paper, the teacher had us write down our goals and our dreams. My first one was to be a teacher. Second, get college paid for by playing sports. And third, coach at the collegiate level," said Shadowmen.

Maluga thought getting players that are able to compete would not be a problem, but he also mentioned that he would not be happy with that.

"I think we should be able to push beyond that, and be perennial powerhouses," Maluga said.

Natalie Shadowmen - Volleyball
• 13 years of experience at the high school and club levels
• Inducted into the PUC Athletic Hall of Fame

Donn Gobbie - Men's Tennis
• 21 years of coaching experience
• Last coached at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN
• 2 years at Valparaiso University

MEET THE COACHES!

PUC Hires Coaches For Four New Sports Teams



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Matt Meneghetti - Men's Golf
• 19 years of experience as a golf professional
• 17 years as a Class A member of the Professional Golfers Association
• Comes from Centennial Park Golf Course, where he serves as the PGA Professional
• Successful playing career

Tim Maluga - Women's Tennis
• Seven-year stint at Valparaiso University
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